

Table 95. Hospital admissions, average length of stay, and outpatient visits, according to type of ownership and size of hospital, and percent outpatient surgery: United States, selected years 1975–2001

[Data are based on reporting by a census of hospitals]

Type of ownership and size of hospital	1975	1980	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001
Admissions							
Number in thousands							
All hospitals	36,157	38,892	33,774	33,282	34,181	34,891	35,644
Federal	1,913	2,044	1,759	1,559	1,072	1,034	1,001
Non-Federal ¹	34,243	36,848	32,015	31,723	33,109	33,946	34,644
Community ²	33,435	36,143	31,181	30,945	32,359	33,089	33,814
Nonprofit	23,722	25,566	22,878	22,557	23,871	24,453	27,983
For profit	2,646	3,165	3,066	3,428	3,905	4,141	4,197
State-local government	7,067	7,413	5,236	4,961	4,583	4,496	4,634
6–24 beds	174	159	95	124	145	141	140
25–49 beds	1,431	1,254	870	944	959	995	1,030
50–99 beds	3,675	3,700	2,474	2,299	2,317	2,355	2,422
100–199 beds	7,017	7,162	5,833	6,288	6,684	6,735	6,778
200–299 beds	6,174	6,596	6,333	6,495	6,389	6,702	6,630
300–399 beds	4,739	5,358	5,091	4,693	5,419	5,135	5,328
400–499 beds	3,689	4,401	3,644	3,413	3,045	3,617	3,779
500 beds or more	6,537	7,513	6,840	6,690	7,400	7,410	7,706
Average length of stay							
Number of days							
All hospitals	11.4	9.9	9.1	7.8	7.0	6.8	6.7
Federal	20.3	16.8	14.9	13.1	14.0	12.8	13.2
Non-Federal ¹	10.9	9.6	8.8	7.5	6.8	6.6	6.6
Community ²	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.5	5.9	5.8	5.7
Nonprofit	7.8	7.7	7.3	6.4	5.8	5.7	5.6
For profit	6.6	6.5	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.4
State-local government	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.7
6–24 beds	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.5	4.5	4.2	4.0
25–49 beds	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.0
50–99 beds	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.4
100–199 beds	7.1	7.0	7.1	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.7
200–299 beds	7.5	7.4	6.9	6.2	5.7	5.7	5.6
300–399 beds	7.8	7.6	7.0	6.1	5.6	5.5	5.4
400–499 beds	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.3	5.9	5.6	5.6
500 beds or more	9.1	8.7	8.1	7.1	6.3	6.2	6.1
Outpatient visits ³							
Number in thousands							
All hospitals	254,844	262,951	368,184	483,195	573,461	592,673	612,276
Federal	51,957	50,566	58,527	59,934	70,060	63,402	64,035
Non-Federal ¹	202,887	212,385	309,657	423,261	503,401	531,972	548,242
Community ²	190,672	202,310	301,329	414,345	495,346	521,405	538,480
Nonprofit	131,435	142,156	221,073	303,851	370,784	393,168	404,901
For profit	7,713	9,696	20,110	31,940	39,896	43,378	44,706
State-local government	51,525	50,459	60,146	78,554	84,667	84,858	88,873
6–24 beds	915	1,155	1,471	3,644	4,650	4,555	4,556
25–49 beds	5,855	6,227	10,812	19,465	23,870	27,007	27,941
50–99 beds	16,303	17,976	27,582	38,597	46,156	49,385	51,331
100–199 beds	35,156	36,453	58,940	91,312	110,336	114,183	114,921
200–299 beds	32,772	36,073	60,561	84,080	90,878	99,248	99,596
300–399 beds	29,169	30,495	43,699	54,277	75,849	73,444	75,242
400–499 beds	22,127	25,501	33,394	44,284	43,867	52,205	59,580
500 beds or more	48,375	48,430	64,870	78,685	99,741	101,378	105,314
Outpatient surgery							
Percent of total surgeries ⁴							
Community hospitals ²	---	16.3	50.5	58.1	62.4	62.7	63.0

--- Data not available.

¹The category of non-Federal hospitals comprises psychiatric, tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases hospitals, and long-term and short-term general and other special hospitals. See Appendix II, Hospital.

²Community hospitals are non-Federal short-term general and special hospitals whose facilities and services are available to the public. See Appendix II, Hospital.

³Outpatient visits include visits to the emergency department, outpatient department, referred visits (pharmacy, EKG, radiology), and outpatient surgery. See Appendix II, Outpatient visit.

⁴The American Hospital Association counts a surgical episode involving more than one surgical procedure as one surgical operation, in contrast to the National Hospital Discharge Survey and the National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery which count up to 4 and 6 procedures that are performed in a single surgical episode as separate surgical operations. See Appendix II, Ambulatory surgery and Outpatient surgery.

NOTE: Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

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